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Antonio the Explorer approaching the Mountaintop !

Antonio the Explorer
Volume Six
is the story of a
Father and Son
business team
exploring the mysteries of
San Diego, CA
three times in the year 2009

a journey that started as a visit to a
Nude Beach
but ended as a spiritual experience
that taught us
Determination, Patience and Persistence
with a collection of over
one hundred digital images !

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March, 2009 - the pacific ocean from the top of
Black Beach Mountain on a partially cloudy day.



a patch of sunlight on the ocean on a cloudy day.

Antonio the Explorer - Part One Introduction
are the stories of:

- (01) Who is Antonion the Explorer !
- (02) What is Antonio the Explorer !
- (03) Why the visits to Black Beach !
- (04) The Directions to Black Beach !
- (05) San Diego Hotels Experience !
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More than pictures and words, the journey to
San Diego introduction, is a motivating
reason why explorers take great journeys.

before a human being can go on a great
journey, there has to be a dream and plan.

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Antonio at the top of Black Beach Mountain
on a cloudy March day, 2009

In the electronic magazine
"Antonio the Explorer"

Antonio is a
Young Man on Mission
and a
Young Man with a Dream

an explorer who not only see the beauty
in things far from home
but also see the beauty in things in his
own back yard
across his home town
across his home state
and
across his country of birth.

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is an
Online Electronic Magazine
that tells the story of a
Son and Father
journey to
San Diego, California

the electronic magazine mission is to
share some experience that brought
two average men several day of
happiness
and
gave their life a
Dream and a Purpose !

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Why the journey to Black Beach 01 ? - 01-05



As men without no real family and friends, our primary objective in visiting San Diego was to escape the sadness of being in the city on birthdays and holiday where we had no family members to share them with.

Antonio the Explorer, a person who enjoys visiting nude beaches, wanted to explore the assumed greatest nude beach in California, Black Beach in San Diego.

While the journey to San Diego started as an escape from sadness and to visited a nude beach, it ended as a Spiritual Experience that taught us determination, patience but most of all strengthened our faith in God.

As of January 2010, the greatest journeys in my life was the visit to San Diego, California, specifcly the mountains near the famous site called Black Beach on the Pacific Ocean.

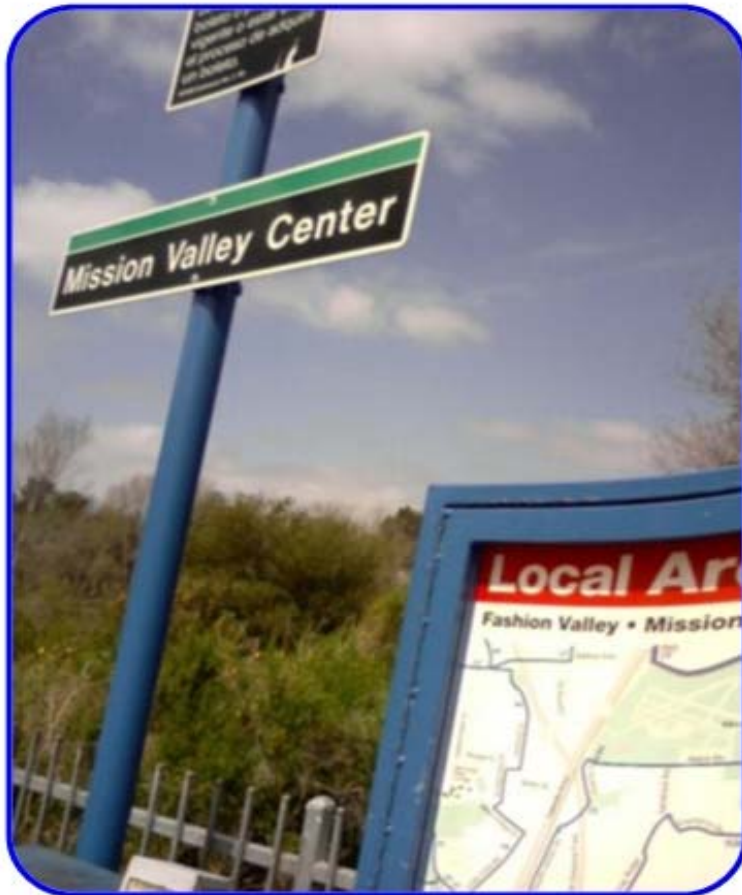
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While our primary objective in visiting San Diego, CA was to visit Black Beach, our secondary reason to visit San Diego was to complete our mission of riding all the subways and lightrail transportation systems in the United States of America.

To date Antonio the Explorer has rode subway and lightrail trains in (1) San Francisco (2) San Jose (3) New York (4) Baltimore (5) Washington D C (6) Portland (7) Seattle (8) Sacramento and (9) San Diego.

While in San Diego we only rode one lightrail train from the Mission Valley Center Shopping Center in the city suburb.

The train ended in Chula Vista, a city at the southern border less than a mile from the county of Mexico.

The lightrail ride in San Diego was a great experience and brought us one step closer to completing a mission.

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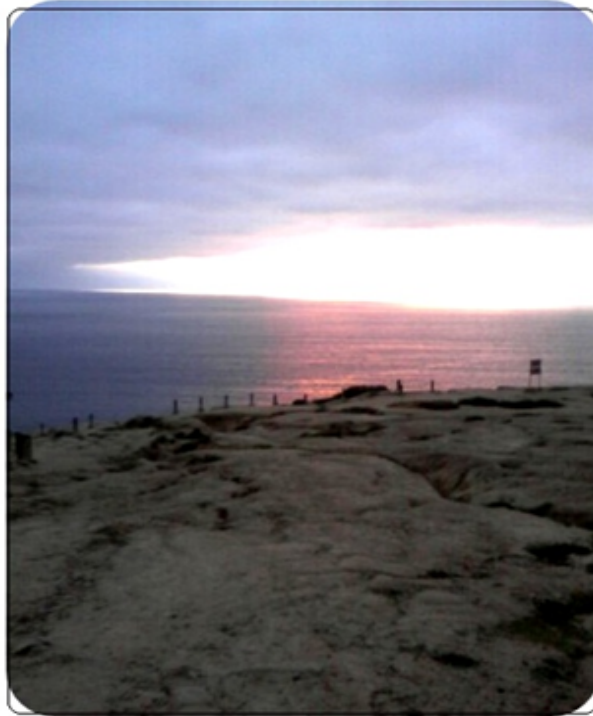
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Sun setting on San Diego, CA Black Beach Mountain



March, 2009

While visits one and two to San Diego was to celebrate a birthday and a holiday, visit three to San Diego was to see if we could re experience the magic that we had on visits one and two.

Despite the long drives, traffic jams, long mountain trails, the journey to San Diego Black Beach was a thrilling adventure, a journey I look forward to taking again.

Our final journey was a somewhat of a marathon, in that we climbed up and down the Black Beach Mountain three times in three days.

Day 1 of the marathon was a journey of excitement

Day 2 of the marathon was a journey of fatigue

Day 3 of the marathon was a journey of celebration.

I was blessed to visit Black Beach Mountain, I hope the words and pictures inspire you to visit Black Beach too.

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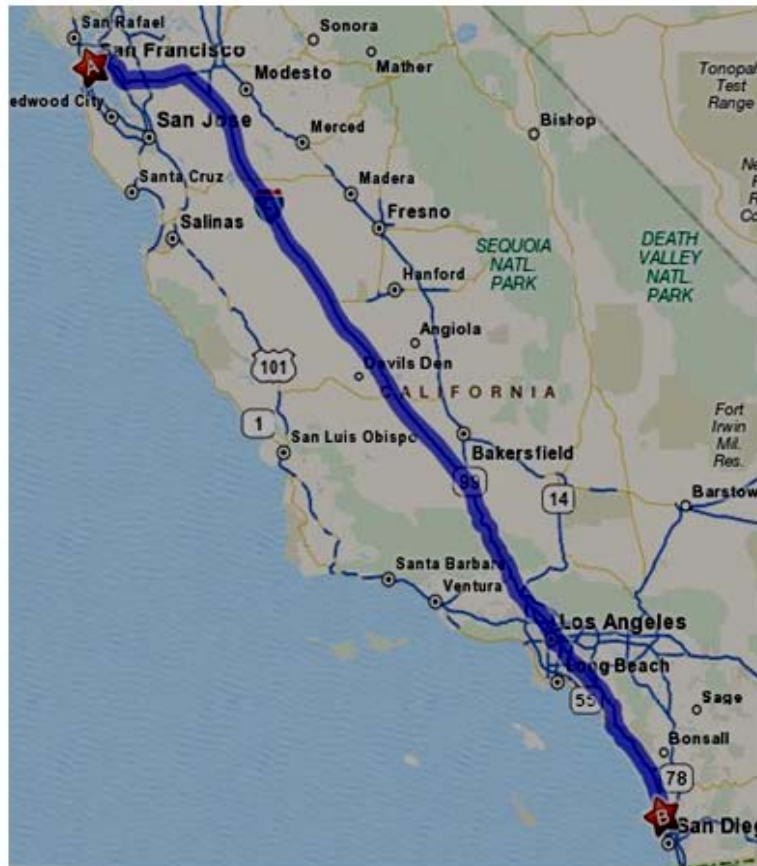
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San Francisco Hilton and Towers Edit 333 O'Farrell St, San Francisco, CA 94102		
	1. Start out going EAST on O'FARRELL ST toward MASON ST.	0.3 mi
	2. Turn LEFT onto MARKET ST.	0.4 mi
	3. Turn RIGHT onto 1ST ST.	0.5 mi
	4. Merge onto I-80 E toward BAY BRIDGE/OAKLAND.	5.9 mi
	5. Merge onto I-580 E toward CA-24/HAYWARD-STOCKTON.	63.3 mi
	6. I-580 E becomes I-5 S.	416.6 mi
	7. Take the GENESEE AVENUE exit, EXIT 29.	0.2 mi
	8. Take the GENESEE AVE WEST ramp.	0.1 mi
	9. Merge onto GENESEE AVE.	0.7 mi
	10. Turn LEFT onto N TORREY PINES RD.	0.4 mi
	11. Turn RIGHT onto TORREY PINES SCENIC DR.	0.4 mi
	12. Welcome to LA JOLLA, CA.	

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The journey to San Diego, CA was an easy trip because instead of looking for the names associated with the exits, we used the exit number for the exits.

Just like the metric system revolutionized measurements weights and distances; the exits number systems revolutionized finding locations when you travel.

By looking at the numbers for exits you know right away if you missed your turn.

Pay particular attention to your written or gps directions so you are in the correct lane for exiting.

Following the exits number system to yours destinations will get you their faster.

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In 2009 the management team of Antonio the Explorer was blessed to stay in five different hotels during our visit San Diego, California.

After experiencing extravagance after staying in a luxury hotel in New York City, limited money forced us to stay at average hotels in San Diego, CA like the the Comfort Inn and Budget Six Hotels.

Because we had accumulated points staying at Comfort Inn in the past, that hotel was our first choice in hotel.

Comfort Inn was also our first choice because we received excellent service from the desk clerk, the rooms were very clean and many of the hotels had an excellent free breakfast.

We also stayed at a Budget Six Hotel because the last Comfort Inn was not up to our standards and it was one of the first reasonable we seen away from Black Beach.

The next pages go more in detail about the hotel we visited.

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With the exception of a Comfort Inn in Eureka, CA the staff at Comfort Inns hotels made us feel very welcome. Another reason we stayed at Comfort Inn was because we were trying to earn points to get a free night hotel room.

The Comfort Inn to the left is the first hotel room we stayed at while in San Diego. This hotel was located on a street with nothing but hotels (Hotel Circle St). The room was clean but there was no dining facilities near by. The room we rented also had a mildew odor, but the desk sprayed a deodorizer and the scent went away.

After a long ride to an "In and Out" burger fast food restaurant, we got a meal and returned to our hotel room. The meal was not good because the fries were hard as a rock and cold.

We did feel safe in the hotel while sleeping and the breakfast the staff served was good with many options of food.

I would recommend the Comfort Inn in Hotel Circle for visitors on a limited budget; but if you wanted to experience good views of San Diego bay, spend a lot of money and stay downtown.

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The hotel we stay at on our second visit to San Diego during the 4th of July weekend in 2009 was the Comfort Inn in Chula Vista.

Located on the near Mexican border, 25 mile southeast of downtown San Diego, the hotel was a very modern building with great desk service and very clean rooms.

What disappointed me about this hotel was the location, it seemed so far away from the city and the view of the surrounding area. It was no view, it almost seemed like we were hotel in middle of the desert.

While exceptionally clean, the window view we had faced an orange wall, which left us nothing to look out at.

The breakfast we had at the hotel was okay; at one Comfort Suite we stayed at in Arizona, they served us fresh eggs with bacon and susuage, this hotel only had eggs and ham sandwiches on English Muffins along with the regular cereal.

This hotel is okay if you do not mind being far from the city.

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On our visit to San Diego on the Labor Day weekend of September 2005 we were blessed to stay three different hotels. The first hotel was the Comfort Inn at Harbor Bay.

The hotel seemed to have a small parking lot that we had a hard time finding a parking space. Because we booked our room rather late, the only thing available was a corner street level room for handicapped people. I felt uncomfortable using shower facilities and being on the ground floor and at a corner room left me feeling unsafe, but we survived the night.

A good thing about the hotel was it near the Marina and on a fairly business city street that gave us a lot to look at. I took several pictures their of the near by harbor.

If we could have gotten a room on the second floor this hotel would have been perfect.

The breakfast at the hotel was also exceptional with fresh boiled eggs and plenty of danishes.

If I had to stay in San Diego and wanted to spend less than \$130, this would be my first choice.

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2009 was truly a blessed year for us in that we got to visit San Diego, CA three times.

Each of our visits we discovered something new and became more familiar with the city each time.

While Black Beach (1) mountain trail (2) beach and (3) watching hang gliders was our greatest thrills; we also accomplished other missions by riding the light rail system, crossing the San Diego Bridge and cruising Torrey Pine Drive.

The picture to the left is of a small beach off Torrey Pine Drive near La Jolla, California that is just off the road.

While all visit to San Diego will include a visit to Black Beach, also in the future I would like to stay at a luxury hotel in the downtown and explore some of the regular tourist spots like Sea World and explored the Star of India, an old fashioned sailboat in San Diego downtown harbor.

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While the introduction of this edition tried to explain (1) who is Antonio the Explorer (2) a little about our traveling to San Diego (3) our hotel experience in the city and (4) other mission we accomplished like riding the lightrail.

The next few chapter go into complete detail about the things that set my heart on fire, Black Beach Mountain Trails, Black Beach and Torrey Pine Glider Port.

In the following pages you will learn about the author feelings about Spirituality, things makes us unique and gives our lives a very special purpose.

Thank you for reading this far and please enjoy the rest of the electronic magazine.

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Welcome to
Antonio the Explorer

Definition of the word "Spiritual"

Spiritual
are qualities
you cannot
touch or see or hear

but the building blocks of what makes
people
unique and special !

Man doesnot live by bread alone,
but every word from the mouth of God

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A Great Spiritual Experience



A Fork in the Road !

While no set of words can truly described "Spirit" or "Spiritual Experience", the author in Antonio the Explorer definition of Spiritual Experience is listed below.

Spiritual Experiences from this author point of view are life adventures that enriches travelers soul by giving them the chance to fulfill a dream and develop (1) patience (2) determination (3) endurance (4) hope and (5) courage .

Aspects of human being lives that can not be given as gifts, but must earned by overcoming challenges and controlling our emotions.

**Storms without them we can not develop Faith,
the greatest power on Heaven and Earth.**

What is a Spiritual Experience 02 - 02-04

A Great Spiritual Experience



A Fork in the Road !

the journey up and down
black beach mountain trail
are great spiritual experience because
they give the adventurer chances to develop
Hope and Patience.

The spiritual experience of Hope is achieved
when the adventurer makes a plans to go to
the mountain on a journey in the future.

The spiritual experience of Patience is achieved
when the adventurer starts down the mountain
and overcome his inner fears of doubt and
fatigue.

without a plan and patience,
a spiritual experience is almost impossible !

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Show me a person who climbed a mountain



**and I will show you a person who has had a
great spiritual experience !**

the journey up and down
black beach mountain trail
are great spiritual experience because
they give the adventurer chances to develop
Determination and Persistence.

The spiritual experiences of Determination is
achieved when an Adventurer faces a challenge
with obstacles that must be overcome to
complete your mission.

With the challenges of

- (1) slippery sandy walkways
- (2) dangerous cliffs and
- (3) pressure to go faster by speed walkers;

The spiritual experiences of determination and
persistence are gifts that are earned on this trail.

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show me a human who crossed a bridge



**and I will show you a person
who will one day enter a new spiritual world !**

In my opinion

Vacationing is one of the Greatest Spiritual Experience's
of all.

Vacations as a Spiritual Experience hold a very special
place in my heart more often than not because it is a
long and well plan journey where two or more people
go to some place they have not been before or a place
that has good memories of an event in the past.

More than a simple trip, the spiritual experiences connected
with the vacations gives the vacationers something positive
to hold on to in their soul that can be never taken away and
creates bond between individual that last an eternity.

The people who was blessed to take a vacation together,
have a gift from God that give their life meaning.

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show me a person with a dream



**and I will show you a person with a spiritual vessel
that they used to travel thru inner space !**

In my opinion Traveling is another Spiritual Experience because all journeys, long and short are dependent upon acts of faith, where there is no guarantee the rider will return to their home like they left it.

Insurance rates are the way they are because the insurance industry know so many accident will occur.

While I take short rides to work and shopping for granted, I always pray to myself before a long journey that I get to my destination in one piece without no breakdowns from the vehicle that is taking me.

After witnessing hundreds of plane crashes and thousands of accidents I believe that it is only thru a divine source grace I return home like I left.

Traveling is a great Spiritual Experience to me because it makes me reach out to something I can not see or hear, but 99.99% positive I know is there.

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Exploring as a Spiritual Experience 01 - 02-08

**when you can see the beauty in an
Ocean Waves**



**you have achieved a level of spiritual perfection
most people will only dream about.**

A little different from vacationing and traveling, an explorer visits new places not for relaxations or get to a destination, the Explorer is a person who seeks adventure.

A person who wants a challenge that enriches their soul and give them something to proud about.

Exploring is a Spiritual Experience because the traveler is a risk taker, a dreamer who act by faith, searching for something new or trying to inspire other to take a similar journey.

While a 100% failure, Antonio the Explorer the electronic magazine was a Spiritual Experience that answered
a call from the heart,
taking a challenge and exploring new places !

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**the person who answer the call of the
Spirit**



**is the person who will probably never find
fortune and or fame !**

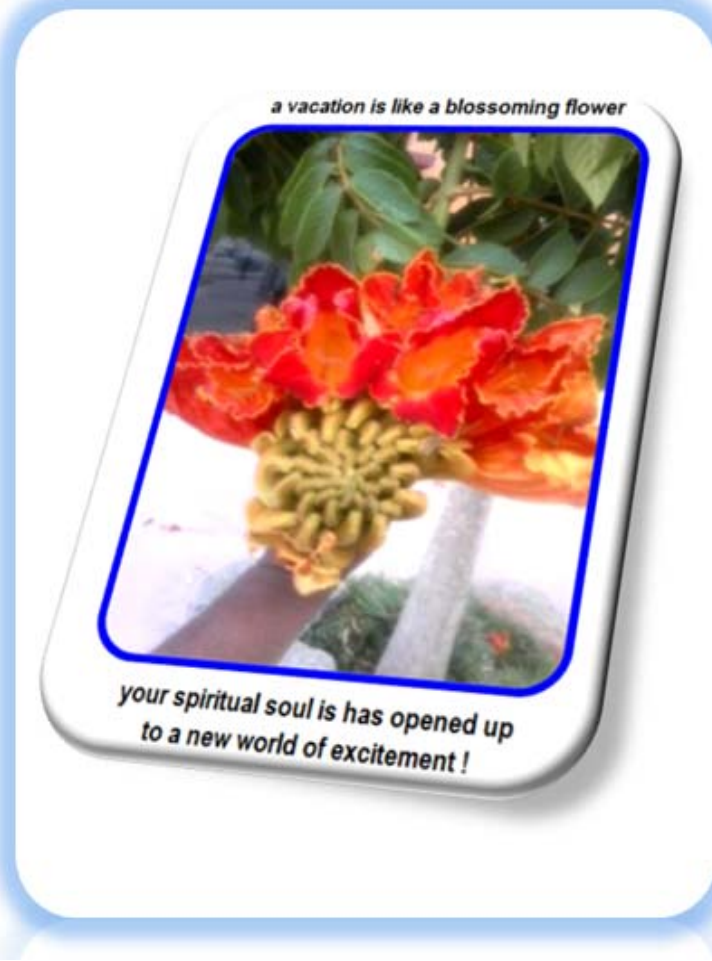
While at the writing of this spiritual diary
my heart is full of sadness because
no one will ever hear my words about
the great spiritual experiences I had in San Diego.

I know there is a
Rhyme and Reason
for everything under the Sun.

and because a special spirit
moved move to write these journals,
I did it !

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While most people believe we as
Human Being
are here on earth to gain
Wealth and Knowledge,
things that we will surely leave here on earth
at our death.

Something in my heart tells me we are
here on earth to perfect our
Spiritual Powers

meaning nothing more than perfecting the
Spiritual Sciences of
Patience - the art of tolerating delay without anger
and
Persistance - moving forward when failure is inevitable !